JEFFERSON COUNTY UNIFIED COMMAND CENTER UPDATE FOR SEPTEMBER 11, 2020

Birmingham, AL – The Jefferson County Unified Command Center (JCUC) and its partner agencies continue to help provide information, goods and services to the people of Jefferson County throughout the COVID-19 pandemic response. Dr. Mark Wilson, Jefferson County Health Officer, and Jim Coker, Director of Jefferson County Emergency Management Agency serve as the co-leaders of the Unified Command Center.

Let’s Avoid a “Twinemic” this Fall

The last thing we need this fall is a surge of COVID-19 cases along with lots of people getting sick with the flu, or a “twinemic”. We need to do everything we can to keep emergency rooms, hospitals and intensive care units from again being stretched to capacity or beyond. COVID-19 did this over the summer. Influenza did this during the 2017-18 season, which led Governor Ivey to declare a State Public Health Emergency at that time. We can’t afford both at once.

Getting the flu vaccine is more important than ever. Everyone 6 months and older should get a flu vaccine, with rare exceptions. Ideally, vaccination should occur between now and the end of October. Don’t put it off! For more information, go to https://www.cdc.gov/flu/prevent/vaccinations.htm

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